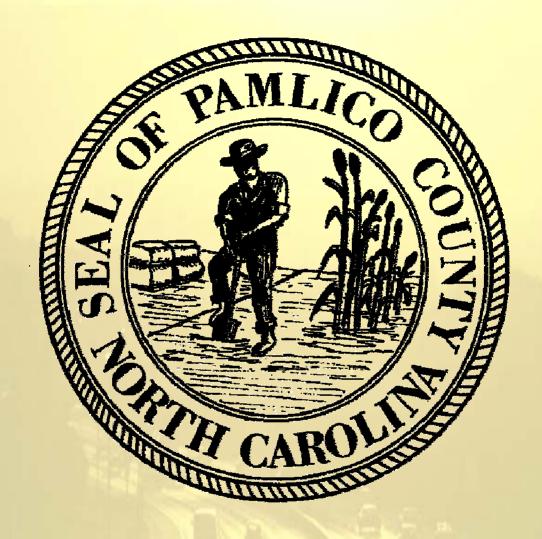
Transportation Planning for Pamlico County



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What is Transportation Planning?



Transportation Planning is the process by which NCDOT, local officials and local planning organizations collaborate to develop a comprehensive transportation plan (CTP) for a specified planning area. CTP's depict recommended improvements to local transportation systems needed to meet existing and future multi-modal travel demands.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- Multimodal
 - Highway
 - Public Transportation and Rail
 - Bicycle
 - Pedestrian (future)
- Recommendations
 - Existing, Needs Improvements, Recommended (new location)
 - Highway Categories
 - Freeways
 - Expressways
 - Boulevards
 - Other Major/Minor Thoroughfares

What are the Benefits of having a CTP?

- Common long range vision for multimodal facilities between NCDOT, MPOs, RPOs and local governments.
- More detailed project information for Programming and Project Development.
- Better integration of transportation planning with land use planning.
- Reduced costs associated with right-ofway and construction activities.
- Minimization of impacts to the natural and human environment.
- Stronger ties to local priorities.
- Documentation that can be used as a guide for future development and transportation decisions.

A Comprehensive Transportation Plan Does NOT...

- Make a promise to build roads.
- Determine a pinpoint location of new roads.



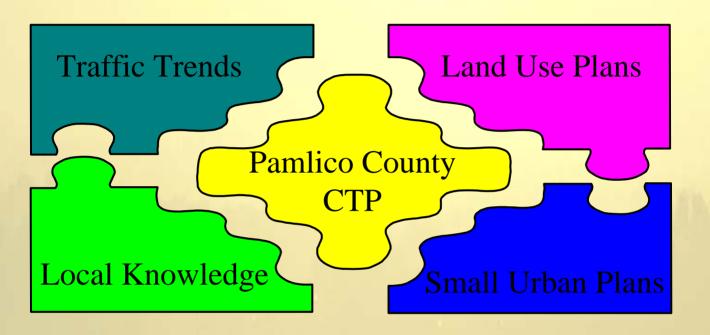
Types of CTPs

- Large Urban Areas
- Regional Areas



- County
- Small Urban Areas

County Comprehensive Transportation Plans



County CTPs provides continuity and connectivity among urban areas within the county and with contiguous counties

Existing Plans Within Pamlico County

Thoroughfare Plan for Pamlico County
July 1994

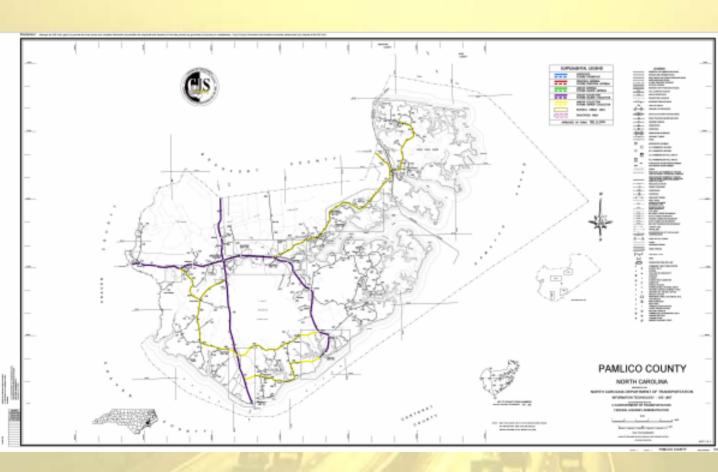
Oriental Thoroughfare Plan August 1988

Joint CAMA Land Use Plan November 2004



Pamlico County Planning Area

In order to provide a more comprehensive look at transportation issues within the county, all areas will be included in this study.



1. Study Initiation

Meeting with community leaders and area transportation officials to discuss transportation concerns.



Field Investigations to develop local street inventory.

2. Data Collection

- Population
- Land Use Patterns
- Traffic Data (AADT)
- Accident History
- Roadway and Bridge Conditions
- Housing and Employment Data
- Environmental Features
- Input From Local Policy Boards and the Public
- Current Funded TIP Projects

3. Data Analysis & Projections

- Project future traffic, population, land use, employment and housing.
- Analyze local traffic patterns.
- Identify and map existing and future capacity deficiencies.
- Examine environmentally sensitive areas, i.e., wetlands, floodplains, historic structures, threatened and endangered species.

4. Plan Development

- Develop recommendations based on estimated future year deficiencies.
- Work with local officials and planning board members to identify roadway problems and possible solutions.
- Conduct informational public workshop(s).

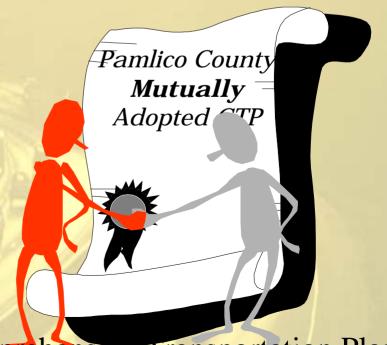


Work with local staff to develop a CTP that will best meet the needs of the area.



Plan Adoption

- Public Hearing on Recommended Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Adoption by County Commissioners
 - Local Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Endorsement
- Adoption by North Carolina Board of Transportation (BOT)



Plan Implementation

- Coordinated Subdivision and Land Use Controls
- Development Reviews
- Utilization of Purpose and Need Statements for Project Development
- Project Prioritization for TIP Funding Requests



Where Are We in the Process?

- Street Inventory
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis/ Projections
- Meet to Discuss Alternatives and Recommendations
- Plan Development
- Planning Board Recommend CTP to County Commissioners
- Public Hearing
- County Adopt CTP
- NCDOT Adopt CTP

Project Development Process

Long-Range Planning **Determining the Need Program Development** Funding the Projects **Project Planning** Minimizing the Impacts **Project Design Design and ROW**



Next Steps and Open Discussion



Future Questions or Concerns?

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